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SUBJECT: DENKTASH ANNOUNCES NATIONAL UNITY PARTY PLATFORM

1. PLATFORM OF NATIONAL UNITY PARTY (NUP), WHOSE FORMATION WAS HURRIEDLY ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST IN RESPONSE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF OPPOSITION POPULAR PARTY, HAS NOW BEEN SET FORTH BY ITS LEADER AND FOUNDER, "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH. BASIC TENETS OF NUP ARE: A) INDIVIDUALITY OF TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY FROM TURKISH NATION; B) SUPPORT FOR ATATURKIST PRINCIPLES; C) IMPLEMENTATION AND PROTECTION OF ATATURKIST REFORMS; D) SUPPORT FOR THE "UNITY, INTEGRITY, HAPPINESS, AND WELL BEING" OF THE TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY; E) RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF A DEMOCRATIC, NATIONALIST, SECULAR STATE.

2. ACCORDING DENKTASH, ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING AND WILL HOPEFULLY BE COMPLETED SHORTLY. HE ALSO CLAIMS THAT NUP HAS NOW SIGNED UP 5,000 MEMBERS, COMMITTEES BEING ESTABLISHED IN VILLAGES AND TOWNS, AND YOUNG WOMEN'S AND

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WORKERS' BRANCHES BEING FORMED. DENKTASH HAS ALSO GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO DENOUNCE PUBLICITY ATTEMPTS OF POPULAR PARTY LEADER ORHON TO FOSTER IMPRESSION THAT POPULAR PARTY LINKED TO MAINLAND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND SPECIFICALLY TO RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT. UNCOMFORTABLY AWARE OF ECEVIT'S OPPOSITION TO RECENT UDI CAPER AND OF HIS CONTINUING INFLUENCE AND POPULARITY WITH TURK CYPRIOTS, DENKTASH HAS EMPHASIZED TO PRESS THAT ECEVIT HAS PERSONALLY ASSURED HIM THAT HE NEITHER FAVORS NOR HAS TIES WITH ANY TURK CYPRIOT POLITICAL PARTY.

3. COMMENT: PARTY PRINCIPLES ANNOUNCED BY DENKTASH ARE NOTABLE MAINLY FOR COMPLETE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES FACING TURK COMMUNITY. IN PRACTICE, OF COURSE, PARTY WILL REFLECT GENERALLY RIGHT OF CENTER INCLINATIONS OF DENKTASH AS WELL AS TFSC LINE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. DENKTASH APPEARS DISTINCTLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN PARTY POLITICS AT THIS STAGE AND IS KNOWN TO BELIEVE THAT FORMATION OF PARTIES HAS BEEN "PREMATURE" AND UNFORTUNATE. HOWEVER, HE FEELS THAT HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZED POLITICAL BASE FROM WHICH TO COUNTER CHARGES FROM AN INCREASINGLY VOCAL OPPOSITION. GIVEN HIS CONTROL OF TFSC GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND UNDERDEVELOPED NATURE OF TURK CYPRIOT POLITICS, THERE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT NUP WILL DEVELOP MUCH BEYOND BEING DENKTASH'S PERSONAL MOUTHPIECE. END COMMENT.  
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